



High Plains WARRIOR

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News briefs

Fireworks regulations

Malmstrom Air Force Instruction 32-2001 states that fireworks are prohibited on base.

No High Plains Warrior

The *High Plains Warrior* will not be published next week due to a paper-production down week. Submissions for the *High Plains Warrior* are still due at the close of business Thursday for the July 13 edition.

Goal days

The wing goal days are July 13, 23 and 30. Col Tom Deppe, 341st Space Wing commander, announced the goal days Monday.

White House program

The White House Fellowship Program allows U.S. citizens the chance to work full-time for one year as special assistants to senior executives in cabinet-level agencies or in the executive office of the president.

There are no restrictions for age, sex, race or physical requirements. This program seeks to draw promising people from throughout the nation, providing them first-hand experience in the process of governing America.

Servicemembers are encouraged to apply as this program enhances executive development.

Interested applicants should submit their packages through their commanders to the wing command section no later than Nov. 26.

Call the military personnel flight customer service section at 731-4155.

Team Malmstrom salutes deployed people and their families



30 personnel in 5 operations
Current as of Thursday

WARRIOR WEATHER

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
20%	50%	60%
76/46 F	80/47 F	79/49 F

Wing gets 'excellent' for ORI

By Capt Richard Essary
Public affairs officer

Malmstrom AFB's men and women received a "report card" Monday from a higher headquarters inspection team that spent two weeks evaluating how well the wing performs its mission.

Following an intense nuclear surety, operational readiness and compliance inspection administered by Air Force Space Command, the 341st Space Wing received a final NSI rating of "satisfactory," and an "excellent" for the operational readiness and compliance inspections.

The NSI is graded either a satisfactory or unsatisfactory, and the ORI and CI are graded on a five-tier system: outstanding, excellent, satisfactory, marginal or unsatisfactory.

More than 1,000 military and DOD civilians, as well as members of the military affairs committee, were present for the inspections outbrief Monday at the three-bay hangar here.

Col Tom Deppe, 341st Space Wing commander, reminded the wing that he had previously asked people to do their jobs during the inspection the way they do them everyday, and the wing would do just fine. "I think you did that," he said. "My hat's off to you."

The AFSPC inspector general, Col Dick Webber, said that congratulations were in order for Team Malmstrom because the wing had survived 96 inspectors evaluating the wing for two weeks. "It's been tough, and it's been comprehensive," he said.

He added that Malmstrom demonstrated its ability across the board. "You have the most incredible warfighting skills I've



Photo by Ray Hodge

Col Tom Deppe, 341st Space Wing commander, addresses Malmstrom following the Nuclear Surety, Operational Readiness and Compliance inspections outbrief Monday in the three-bay hangar.

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Malmstrom mourns loss of NCO

On Sunday morning Team Malmstrom lost one of its finest airmen in a motorcycle accident.

SSgt Aaron Wright was born in Elkhart, Ind., and graduated from Dowagiac High School where he lettered in wrestling.

He entered active duty in September 1996. After basic and technical school he arrived on Malmstrom Air Force Base Aug. 13, 1997, where he was assigned to the 341st Civil Engineer Squadron,



SSgt Wright

Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning shop.

In February 1999 Aaron deployed to Kuwait for 127 days in support of Operation Southern Watch, earning an Air Force Achievement Medal. Aaron was an active member of the Malmstrom Honor Guard, and was named 341st CES Airman of the Year for 2000.

He was to attend Michigan State University under the Air Force ROTC professional officer course, early

release program, with an ultimate goal of becoming an pilot instructor.

Aaron leaves his father and mother, Max and Kathleen Wright from Cassopolis, his brother Max Wright and two sisters, Cassandra and Melisa Wright, and a truly tight-knit group of friends, primarily from the CES HVAC shop.

A memorial fund has been established through 1st Liberty Federal Credit Union. Please make contributions payable to the SSgt Aaron Wright Memorial Fund.

(Story courtesy of 341st CES.)